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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/530,183	Applicant(s) HUESO PAJARES, ALFREDO	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beverly (US 3241262).

Regarding claim 1, Beverly discloses a fishing float (1) comprising two semi-parts (2, 3) of a body, each with lengthways grooves (5, 13a) located in the longitudinal axis creating an orifice when the two parts are joined. Part 1 has two separate projections (4) with dovetail sections located within its edges parallel to the longitudinal axis and at equal distances. Part two has two slots (5) with dovetail sections located within its edges parallel to the longitudinal axis and at equal distances. Beverly also discloses a stopper 12 that acts indirectly against the ends of the projections because it is integral to the part. See figures 1 and 3.

Regarding claim 2, Beverly discloses that the slots (5) correspond with the projections (4) in size and proportions. See figures 1 and 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vasseur (US 419574) in view of Beverly (3241262).

Regarding claim 1, Vasseur discloses a fishing float comprising two semi-parts (A) of a body, each with lengthways grooves (D, B) located in the longitudinal axis creating an orifice (E) when the two parts are joined. Part 1 has two separate projections (C) with dovetail sections (line 18) located within its edges parallel to the longitudinal axis and at equal distances. Part two has two slots (B) with dovetail sections (line 18) located within its edges parallel to the longitudinal axis and at equal distances. See figures 2 and 3. Claim 1 differs from Vasseur in calling for slot stoppers to act against the ends of the projections. Beverly discloses a fishing float with a stopper to act indirectly against the end of the projections. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Vasseur's fishing float in view of the teachings of Beverly to include a stopper for the purpose of keeping the two parts from sliding apart from one another.

Regarding claim 2, Vasseur discloses that the slots (B) correspond with the projections (C) in size and proportions. See figures 2 and 3.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Holman whose telephone number is 571 272-2754. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Poon can be reached on 571 272-6891. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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